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Classified By: Economic-Political Counselor Gregory E. Phillips. Reasons: 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 11. (SBU) EconPolCouns presented reftel points on March 21 to Franz Josef Kuglitsch, the Austrian MFA's acting Middle East Director, and Wolfgang Lapuh, the MFA's DAS-level Near East Director.
- 12. (C) Kuglitsch and Lapuh confirmed press reports that Austrian Foreign Minister Ursula Plassnik has invited NUG Foreign Minister Ziad Abu Amer to visit Vienna. They noted that the press had reported a strong Israeli condemnation of the Austrian move. However, they said they had not heard from the Israelis privately on the issue.

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